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CHILD LABOUR IN THE MANUFACTURE OF EXPORT ITEMS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared or chalked out any plan aiming to institute a social audit of the manufacturing units found to be violating child labour laws in the supply of sensitive export items in the light of a US Gazette notification as reported in "The Times of India" dated March 16, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights proposes to interact with Export Promotion Councils in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the extent to which the targets of export of the country are likely to be affected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

- a) & b): While there is no specific proposal for social audit in export oriented industries with a view to eliminating child labour from such industries, necessary steps are taken under the existing laws to prevent child labour in prohibited occupations and process.
- c) & d): National Commission for Protection of Child Rights interacts with a large number of organizations and individuals on the issue of child rights,however no programme has been finalized for interaction with Export Promoton Councils.
- e): Targets of export are not likely to be affected.